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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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STATUS OF LA HABRA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

The La Habra City Council met last night and authorized the City Manager to finalize contract negotiations with the Consolidated Fire Protection District (District) for the provision of fire and emergency medical services. The City Council also directed City staff to initiate the Meet and Confer process with the Local La Habra Fire Association with respect to the transfer of the La Habra Fire Department employees to the District.

The City prefers to contract with the District rather than pursuing an annexation, as we have done with past contract cities. However, we have been apprised by County Counsel that the Government Code authorizes LAFCO to approve contracts between two or more public agencies in which the public services to be provided are an alternative for services already being provided and for which the level of service to be provided is consistent with the level of service contemplated by the existing service provider. LAFCO determines the consistency of service, usually by commissioning an independent study. Thus, we will be proceeding to LAFCO to commence this process shortly.

There are still several contractual issues remaining to be resolved, but it is anticipated that the agreement will be finalized and submitted to the City Council for approval within the next month or two. I will be briefing you at the point when all of the final contractual issues have been agreed to by both parties and we are ready to move forward with final Board approval.

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